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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF VENEZUELAN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER NATIONAL DEFENSE STUDIES

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY STATING THAT VENEZUELAN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER NATIONAL DEFENSE STUDIES, INSTITUTO DE ALTOS ESTUDIOS DE LA DEFENSA NACIONAL (IAEDEN), IS PLANNING A TRIP TO THE US AND CANADA BETWEEN MAY 13 AND 28, 1978 FOR THE MEMBERS OF ITS SUPERIOR NATIONAL DEFENSE COURSE. THE NOTE THEN GOES ON TO ASK THAT THE USG BE INFORMED OF THE VISIT WITH A VIEW TO OBTAIN WHATEVER FACILITIES AND SUPPORT MAY BE POSSIBLE.

2. PROPOSED ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1978
DEPARTURE FOR CAPE KENNEDY

MONDAY, MAY 15
DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

TUESDAY, MAY 16
VISIT THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
VISIT THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES
(POSSILY NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE ALSO)

THURSDAY, MAY 18
MORNING-DEPARTURE FOR OTTAWA
AFTERNOON-VISIT CANADIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE

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SATURDAY, MAY 20
DEPARTURE FOR SAN FRANCISCO

MONDAY, MAY 22
LOS ANGELES-VISIT RAND CORPORATION

TUESDAY, MAY 23
DEPARTURE FOR COLORADO SPRINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
MORNING-VISIT AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
AFTERNOON-VISIT AIR FORCE ACADEMY

THURSDAY, MAY 25
DEPARTURE FOR HOUSTON

FRIDAY, MAY 26
VISIT HOUSTON SPACE CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 27
DEPARTURE FOR EITHER MIAMI OR NEW ORLEANS

SUNDAY, MAY 28
RETURN TO VENEZUELA

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3. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS OF THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL DEFENSE COURSE (44 STUDENT) WILL BE VISITING THE U.S., BUT IAEDEN ESTIMATES ABOUT 60 PEOPLE COUNTING FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. THE STUDENT BODY OF THE COURSE IS ABOUT HALF MILITARY (ALL SERVICES-RANKS OF COLONEL) AND HALF CIVILIAN (ALL PROFESSIONALS-PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR).

4. THE GOV AND THE IAEDEN SPECIFICALLY HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES AND TO THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGES DURING THEIR RECENT VISITS TO VENEZUELA. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING AND IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE IAEDEN BY THE GOV AND VENEZUELAN ARMED FORCES, AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATE AGENCY WITHIN DOD DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE IN TERMS OF FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO THIS GROUP WHEN IT VISITS THE U.S.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT VENEZUELAN EMBASSY AND MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON BE CONTACTED TO INFORM THEM OF THE VISIT AND, IF POSSIBLE, MAKE THEM THE COORDINATING POINTS FOR THE VISIT.

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